City of Alexandria, Virginia

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

Media Advisory:

Alexandria to Celebrate 30 Years of Pioneering Emergency Medical Service with Founders' Awards Night

When: **November 30, 2006, at 6.30pm**

Where: Inova Alexandria Hospital Auditorium
4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

What: Alexandria was a national pioneer in establishing its Emergency Medical Service (EMS) in 1976 as a professional life-saving force. Since then, Alexandria EMS, as part of the City of Alexandria Fire Department, has led the nation in emergency medical standards and results. The creation of the Alexandria EMS led the way in the move from first-aid and CPR services to state-of-the art professional services, saving many lives in the process.

Alexandria EMS is today supported by the Emergency Medical Services Council, part of the city's civil government, and the EMS Council will, on November 30, 2006, pay tribute to the Service's 30th anniversary and to some of the key founding figures in the Service: Dr. John P. McDade; Gerald Fair (posthumous); Dr Chalmers A. Loughridge; Jean O. Dunham; and Steve Meyerson.

The evening, attended by His Honor Mayor William Euille of Alexandria, and other dignitaries, will feature an Honor Guard, and brief presentations outlining the significant achievements of the City of Alexandria EMS, before honoring the five pioneering EMS officials. The event will be followed by a reception.

Good photo/video and interview opportunities.

For Further Information and on-site support:

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